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**From:** Garrison, Geoffrey  
**Sent:** Sun 3/22/2015 11:36:27 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Possible pesticide poisoning case in St. John

Eric, Cris

Understood all prior,

Today's agenda includes a visit to the hospital to speak with the staff, although Leah advised me that I have to be careful not to intrude into patient confidentiality, we still want any leads that might point to other exposures besides Methyl Bromide.

Next will be the actual site (obviously no entries until The HASP done) to note how secure the location is, interview La Sirena manager if available on Sunday. Later meet with a family acquaintance familiar with the activities leading to the potential exposure.

I will try to locate Terminex and obtain product information. If product completely banned for use or unsuitable for application, need to figure out authority or procedure for securing it, and/or legal "taking" or confiscation - if you could help with that portion of the enforcement piece it would be great.

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> On Mar 22, 2015, at 7:14 AM, Mosher, Eric <Mosher.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Judith,

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> Will do. We will address this issue.

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> Regards,

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> Eric

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>> On Mar 22, 2015, at 7:04 AM, Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Tx I am concerned that this product is still being applied or that it may be illegally disposed of. Once Geoff has the pesticide applicators name and address it would be great if he could take control of the product and get a list of recent applications. I hope a local enforcement agency can allow us to store the product once it is secured. Tx

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>>> On Mar 21, 2015, at 9:15 PM, Mosher, Eric <Mosher.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> Judith,

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>>> Absolutely. I was talking with Cris earlier today about involving CID. We need control the stockpile until we get further answers.

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>>> Our priority is to get some samples quickly and control the site to avoid further exposures. We also need to determine other off site locations where this product might have been used.

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>>> Will talk to Cris about next steps.

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>>> Regards,

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>>> Eric

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>>>> On Mar 21, 2015, at 2:36 PM, Enck, Judith <Enck.Judith@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Enforcement confidential :A family from Delaware is vacationing in St. John and has allegedly been exposed to the banned indoor pesticide methyl chloride. I became aware of this Friday afternoon and called osc Geoff garrison The family of four are in the hospital and two of them are on ventilators. The 16 year old boy is in serious condition. Geoff called vi dpnr late yesterday and they were not aware of the situation. They confirmed that the banned pesticide is part of a stockpile and it was applied by terminex - a national chain. Dpnr was planning a very very modest response with chain of command problems. Geoff convinced them to let him address the situation when he arrives later today. Geoff will land in st Thomas at 4 pm and then catch the ferry to St. John and then get to the site. Eric, the pesticide was banned for residential use about ten years ago. A lawyer needs to find out if it can still be used by terminex. Common sense tells me the stockpiled pesticide should not be in the hands of this applicator until all the facts are gathered. Eric, plz let Geoff know what do do with the stockpile Mary, let us know on Monday if you receive any inquiries. By coincidence I will be in St. John Monday morning. We need to ensure that other tourists are not exposed and we need to ensure that all the proper information is secured by Geoff for any potential enforcement case.

>>>> Geoff garrisons cell is  I very much appreciate geoff's rapid response

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